# Exhibit "A"

# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CRENSHAW COUNTY, ALABAMA

SOUTH ALABAMA PIGS, L.L.C.,

Plaintiff,

V5.

CIVIL CASE NO. CV-02-96

FARM FEEDERS, INC.; AUDUBON
WHOLESALE VET SUPPLY, INC.; SCOTT)
BENTON; DENNIS MCCOOL; SUIDAE
TECHNOLOGY, INC.; and Fictitious
Defendants "A", "B", and "C", whether
aingular or plural, those other persons,
corporations, firms, or other entities
whose wrongful conduct caused or
contributed to cause the injuries and
damages to the Plaintiffs, all of whose
true and correct names are unknown to
Plaintiffs at this time, but will be
substituted by amendment when
ascertained.

Defendants.

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#### COMPLAINT

## STATEMENT OF THE PARTIES

- Plaintiff South Alabama Pigs, L.L.C., is an Alabama limited liability company with its principal place of business in Crenshaw County, Alabama.
- Defendant Farm Feeders, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as "Farm Feeders") is a foreign corporation doing business in Crenshaw County, Alabama
- 3. Defendant Audubon Wholesale Vet Supply, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as "Audubon") is a foreign corporation doing business in Crenshaw County, Alabama, and is the parent company and alter ego of Defendant

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Farm Feeders.

- 4. Defendant Scott Benton is over the age of nineteen (19) years and is a resident of the State of lows.
- 5. Defendant Dennis McCool is over the age of nineteen (19) years and is a resident of the State of lowe, and alter ego of Defendant Farm Feeders.
- Defendant Suldae Technology, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as "Suldae")
   Is a foreign corporation doing business in Cranshaw County.
- 7. Fictitious Defendants "A", "B", and "C", whether singular or plural, are those other persons, firms, corporations, or other entities whose wrongful conduct caused or contributed to cause the injuries and damages to Plaintiff, all of whose true and correct names are unknown to Plaintiff at this time, but will be substituted by amendment when ascertained,

# STATEMENT OF THE FACTS

- 8. On or about January of 2002, in Crenshaw County, Alabama, Paul Burton and Bob Chalus acting as agents and/or representatives for Defendant Suidae and Defendant Scott Benton acting as an agent and/or representative of Defendants Farm Feeders and McCool approached Plaintiff about entering into an agreement to supply weaned pigs to Farm Feeders. Plaintiff was already in an existing contract to supply weaned pigs to Farmland Industries, Inc.
- At this time, Defendants misrepresented and/or concealed material facts
   from Plaintiff regarding, but not limited to, the following: Defendants

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misrepresented to Plaintiff that Farm Feeders was in the business of buying and finishing pigs, and had the capabilities to take the pigs "from start to finish", which would entail the purchase of weaned pigs for the purpose of feeding to a specified weight, at which point, they would be slaughtered and packaged for sale.

- Defendants further represented that in the event they had to resell any of the additional pigs mentioned in the contract addendum, they already had numerous buyers lined up to purchase said pigs and were not dependent on one particular buyer.
- Defendants also represented that due to the personal guarantees of Defendant Dennis McCool and the stability of parent company Defendant Audubon, Farm Feeders had the necessary financial support, facilities and contacts within the farm industry, to purchase and finish the large quantity of pigs specified for sale in the contract.
- 12. All of the abovementioned representations made by Defendants were false.
- 13. Defendants therefore misrepresented to Plaintiff, Defendant Farm Feeders' present ability to fulfill its obligations under the contract.
- 14. Plaintiff relied on these representations in making its decision to enter into an agreement with Defendant Farm Feeders.
- 15. Based on the representations made by Defendants, Plaintiff changed its position and rescinded its existing contract with Farmland Industries, and on February 14, 2002, entered into a four (4) year written contract.

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including addendum, to supply 800-1,000 weaned pigs a week with a floor price of \$28.00 and ceiling of \$38.00 per pig to Defendant Farm Feeders every week for the four (4) year duration of the contract.

- 16. At this time, Plaintiffs started supplying pigs to Defendant Farm Feeders according to the aforementioned provisions of the contract
- 17. On or around June 2002. Defendant Farm Feeders notified Plaintiff that it would no longer purchase any more pigs from Plaintiff.
- At all times material hereto, Paul Burton and Bob Chalus were the agents and/or representatives for Defendant Suidae and were acting within the line and scope of their agency in dealing with Plaintiff.
- 19. At all times material hereto, Scott Benton was the agent and/or representative for Defendants Farm Feeders, Audubon and Dennis McCool and was acting within the line and scope of his agency in dealing with Plaintiff.
- 20. Plaintiff discovered the fraud within two (2) years of filing this lawsuit.
- 21. Defendants entered into a pattern or practice of fraudulent conduct, which included the fraud practiced on Plaintiff.

#### COUNT ONE

- 22. Plaintiff re-alleges all prior paragraphs of the Complaint as if set out here in full.
- 23. Defendants, in and around January 2002, misrepresented material facts to Piointiff as stated above.

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- 24. The representations made by Defendants were false and Defendants knew they were false.
- 25 Plaintiff relied upon the false representations, changed its position and entered into the contract with Defendant Farm Feeders.
- 26. As a proximate consequence of the Defendants' fraudulent conduct, Plaintiff has sustained substantial economic damage including, but not limited to: lost revenues and profits to sell its pigs to other buyers for substantially lower than the contract price; loss of anticipated profits; forgone business opportunities; out-of-pocket expenses, including attorneys' fees and other costs; and has been otherwise injured and damaged.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands Judgment against all Defendants in such an amount of compensatory and punitive damages as a jury deems reasonable and may award, plus costs.

### COUNT TWO

- 27. Plaintiff re-alleges all prior paragraphs of the Complaint as if set out here in full.
- 28. Defendants in and around January 2002 and continuing thereafter, misrepresented material facts to Plaintiff as stated above.
- 29. Defendants' misrepresentations of material facts to Plaintiff were made intentionally, deliberately, consciously, maliciously, oppressively, fraudulently, and/or wantonly.
- 30. Defendants made the representations with the intent not to perform any of the promises made and with the present intent to deceive Plaintiff.

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- 31. Plaintiff relied upon the false representations, changed its position and entered into the contract with Defendant Farm Feeders.
- 32. As a proximate consequence of the Defendants' fraudulent conduct, Plaintiff was injured and damaged as alleged in paragraph 26 above.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against all Defendants in such an amount of compensatory and punitive damages as a jury deems reasonable and may award, plus costs.

# COUNT THREE

- 33. Plaintiff re-alleges all prior paragraphs of the Complaint as if set out here in full.
- 34. At the aforesaid times and places, Defendants innocently, recklessly, negligently or wantonly made the aforementioned misrepresentations and/or concealed the material facts.
- 35. As a proximate consequence of the wrongful acts, Plaintiff was injured and damaged as alleged in paragraph 26 above.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against all Defendants in such an amount of compensatory and punitive damages as a jury deems reasonable and may award, plus costs.

#### COUNT FOUR

- 36. Plaintiff re-alleges all prior paragraphs of the Complaint as if set out here in full.
- 37. At the aforementioned times and places Defendants fraudulently concealed and/or falled to disclose to Plaintiff material facts which included without

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Ilmitation to the following: that Derendant rarm Feeders was not in the business of finishing pigs; they were going to resell most or all of the pigs purchased from Plaintiff as feeder pigs, making them more dependent upon market prices; they did not at the time of the agreement already have buyers lined up to buy additional pigs mentioned in the contract addendum but were in fact dependent on one prospective buyer, they did not have the financial backing of Defendants McCool and Audubon; and they never intended to perform their obligations for the specified duration of the contract.

- 38. Plaintiff acted as a result of the non-disclosure and/or concealment by changing its position and entering into the contract with Defendant Farm Feeders.
- 39. As a proximate consequence of the fraudulent conduct, Plaintiff was injured and damaged as alleged in paragraph 26 above.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against all Defendants in such an amount of compensatory and punitive damages as a jury deems reasonable and may award, plus costs.

#### COUNT FIVE

- 40. Plaintiff re-alleges all prior paragraphs of this Complaint as if set out here in full.
- 41. Defendant Farm Feeders has breached its agreement and contract with Plaintiff by falling and/or refusing to purchase pigs from Plaintiff.
- 42. As a proximate consequence of Defendant Farm Feeders' breach, Plaintiff was injured and damaged as alleged in paragraph 26 above.

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WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants Farm Feeders, McCool, Audubon, and Fictitious Defendants "A", "B", and "C" in such an amount of compensatory damages as the jury may award, plus interest and costs

#### COUNT SIX

- 43. Plaintiff hereby realleges all prior paragraphs of the Complaint as if set out here in full
- 44. Defendant Suldae negligently or wantonly hired, trained, monitored, or supervised their employees. Paul Burton, Bob Chalus, and Fictitious Defendants "A", "B", and "C"
- 45. As a proximate consequence of the negligence, Plaintiff was injured and damaged as alleged in paragraph 26 above.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants Suldae and Fictitious Defendants "A", "B", and "C" in such an amount of compensatory and punitive damages as a jury deems reasonable and may award, plus costs.

#### COUNT BEVEN

- 46. Plaintiff hereby realleges all prior paragraphs of the Complaint as if set out here in full
- 47. Defendants Farm Feeders and Dennis McCool negligently or wantonly hired, trained, monitored, or supervised Defendant, Scott Benton, and Fictitious Defendants "A", "B", and "C".
- 48. As a proximate consequence of the negligence, Plaintiff was injured and damaged as alleged in paragraph 26 above.

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WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Detendant Farm Feeders, McCool, Audubon, and Fiditious Defendants "A", "B", and "C" in such an amount of compensatory and punitive damages as a jury deems reasonable and may award, plus costs.

# COUNT EIGHT

- 49. Plaintiff realleges all prior paragraphs of the Complaint as if set out here in full.
- 50. Defendants have committed fraud and suppression against Plaintiffs and Defendants have contrived, combined, confederated and conspired amongst themselves to do acts hereinbefore described that have caused injury and damage to Plaintiff.
- 51. Defendants have continued their conspiracy to misrepresent and suppress the aforementioned material facts even through the present.
- δ2, As a result of Defendants conspiring to commit those acts mentioned above, Plaintiff was injured and damaged as a result of the conspiracy, as alleged in paragraph 26 above.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against all Defendants in such an amount of compensatory and punitive damages as a jury deems reasonable and may award, plus costs.

#### COUNTNINE

53. Plaintiff realleges all prior paragraphs of the Complaint as if set out here in full.

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- 54. Defendants Audubon and Dennis McCool nave been operating Defendant Farm Feeders as an alter ego to avoid personal liability or otherwise limit liability.
- Plaintiff alleges that Defendants Audubon and Dennis McCool set up Farm Feeders, Inc., for the purpose of avoiding any personal liability.
- Defendants Audubon and Dennis McCool are acting as the alter egos of Defendant Farm Feeders and are subject to all claims set forth hereinabove
- 57. Defendants Audubon and Dennis McCool breached the agreement with Plaintiff, made misrepresentations to Plaintiff and other wrongful conduct towards Plaintiff and this was done as the alter ego of Defendant Farm Feeders.
- As a result of Defendants Audubon and Dennis McCool's alter ego, Farm Feeders, Plaintiff was injured and damaged as alleged in paragraph 26 above.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands Judgment against Defendants Audubon and McCool in such an amount of compensatory and punitive damages as a Jury deems reasonable and may award, plus costs.

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# JURY DEMAND

PLAINTIFF HEREBY DEMANDS TRIAL BY JURY ON ALL ISSUES OF THIS CAUSE.